

**REMARKS**

Applicants are amending and adding claims to put the claims in better U.S. format.

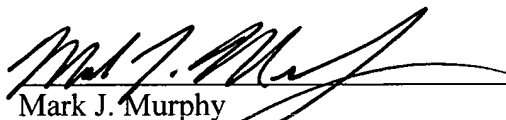
If any additional fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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